Funds allotted to Bihar for digging wells

3999. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted any funds to Bihar for digging of wells in the villages where the drinking water was not available during the year 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thertfor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide drinking water in these villages of the State:

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which drinking water is likely to be provided in all the problem villages of the State; and

(e) the amount allocated for purpose during the year 1993-94 and 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) The allocation of funds is made to States for Rural Water Supply Programme as a whole and no funds are allocated separately for digging of wells in villages.

(c) to (e) All the problem villages as per 1985 list have been covered in Bihar. However, to provide drinking water in the uncovered and partially covered newly identified habitations, the following amount was allocated and released under ARWSP to the State:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocation	Release
1993-94 . . .	48.560	48.560
1994-95 . . .	54.690	48.04

Target to provide all-whether roads to villages

4000. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1645 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1995 and State:

(a) the State-wise allocation of funds made to connect each and every village in the countryy with all-weather roads; and

(b) the efforts made so far to implement the above objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A Statement showing state-wise funds earmarked for construction of roads in villages under Minimum Needs Programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan is attached. (*See* below).

(b) Connectivity of villages with all weather roads under MNP is a state subject and funds for rural roads are provided in the State Plan|Budget. The Planning Commssion earmarks funds for MNP (Rural Roads) to avoid diversion of funds to other road schemes/ projects.